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SUBJECT: PATENT LEGISLATION: VISIT OF JACK HAGAN FEBRUARY

6 AND 7

- 1. JACK HAGAN, PATENT COUNSEL FOR AMERICAN CYANAMID, PLAN TO VISIT SAN JOSE FEBRUARY 6 AND 7.
- 2. AMERICAN CYANAMID HAS LEARNED THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS THAT THE COSTA RICAN LEGISLATURE IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE DISCUSSION ON FEBRUARY 11 OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE VALIDITY TERM OF PATENTS FROM 20 YEARS TO 5 YEARS AND WHICH WOULD WITHDRAW PATENT PROTECTION FOR DRUGS. HAGAN PLANS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WITH THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND, IF APPROPRIATE, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.
- 3. HAGAN PLANS TO VISIT EMBASSY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LEGIS-LATION. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE USUAL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY MAY WISH CONTACT AMERICAN CYANAMID REPRESENTATIVE ROBLES WHOSE OFFICE PHONE NUMBER IS 21 63 18 UNCLASSIFIED

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AND HOME PHONE NUMBER 22 87 40 TO DISCUSS WHICH OFFICIALS

IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HAGAN TO CALL ON.

- 4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF RESULTS EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH HAGAN.
- 5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EARLY EVALUATION SO THAT USG POSITION MAY BE FORMULATED.
- 6. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO U.S. PROPRIETARY INTERESTS, EMBASSY OFFICER MAY ACCOMPANY HAGAN ON HIS VISITS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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